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Dear Food and Drug Administration officials,

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I am writing to express my deep concerns about food irradiation. I strongly urge you to continue to require by law clear and prominent labeling for all irradiated foods so that consumers can make food choices for themselves. I find it incredible that you are even considering not requiring labeling for such an unnatural process as irradiation. The vast majority of consumers do not want to buy irradiated foods, so it's outright deception to try to sneak it into their diets by doing away with labeling. Nuclear irradiation damages the quality of food, destroying essential vitamins and even generating toxic byproducts in the food. And any use of nuclear materials carries with it the very real risk that radioactive contamination and pollution can result. For all of these reasons, I strongly urge you to continue to require strict labeling to alert the public when foods have been irradiated. I personally will never eat irradiated foods, and as a citizen of this democracy, have a right to know. As a co-manager of People's Food Co-Op in Kalamazoo, Michigan, I'd like to inform you that we have educated our customers about this issue. You will be receiving scores of postcards from our customers repeating the same feelings I have expressed in this letter. Our Co-Op community is watching this issue very closely, and strongly urge you to require labeling for irradiated food.

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staff of 12,
and board of directors,
plus hundreds of
additional customers)

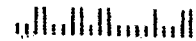
Sincerely,

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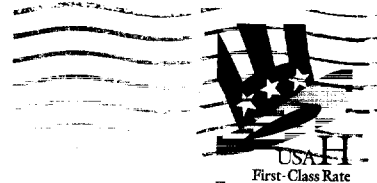
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